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SUBJ: SOVIET FORCES IN SYRIA

1. WE HAVE SEEN SEVERAL REPORTS IN INTELLIGENCE CHANNELS OF
CONSIDERABLE SOVIET TROOP PRESENCE IN SYRIA BEYOND MERE ADVISORS.
PLEASE ASK CIA, DIA, INR TO PROVIDE US WITH THEIR ASSESSMENTS
AND CABLE FOR OUR ARRIVAL IN CAIRO TONIGHT.

2. SIMILAR ASSESSMENT FOR EGYPT AND IRAQ WOULD ALSO BE
AVALUABLE FOLLOW-UP TO THE ABOVE.

3. PLEASE COORDINATE WITH BRENT SCOWCROFT.

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